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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov/events/advisory.jsp>. This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8180.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[ DOCKET NO. 72-25; NRC-2009-0076]

### Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Idaho Spent Fuel Facility; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Proposed Exemption From Certain Regulatory Requirements of 10 CFR Part 20

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Issuance of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption to the United States Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office (DOE or applicant), from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1501(c). Section 20.1501(c) requires that dosimeter processors hold current personnel dosimetry accreditation from the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Exemption from this requirement of 10 CFR 20.1501(c) would allow DOE to use the DOE Laboratory Accreditation Program (DOELAP) process for personnel dosimetry at Idaho Spent Fuel (ISF) facility independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI), located at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in Butte County, Idaho.

Pursuant to 10 CFR part 72, DOE submitted an application, including a Safety Analysis Report (SAR), by letter dated May 30, 2008, as supplemented, seeking NRC approval of the direct transfer of Special Nuclear Materials License No. 2512 (SNM-2512) for the ISF facility, currently held by Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation (FWENC). The applicant is also seeking NRC approval of a conforming license amendment, which would reflect the proposed transfer. NRC staff is currently performing a review of the requested

license transfer and conforming amendment.

### Environmental Assessment (EA)

*Identification of Proposed Action:* As part of its request for a transfer of SNM-2512, DOE, on June 9, 2008, requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1501(c)(1), which states in part that "All personnel dosimeters \* \* \* that require processing \* \* \* must be processed and evaluated by a dosimetry processor \* \* \* (1) Holding current personnel dosimetry accreditation from the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology." Specifically, the applicant proposes allowing the DOELAP as an approved alternative. The NRC's authority to grant an exemption to its 10 CFR Part 20 radiation protection requirements is set forth in 10 CFR 20.2301.

*Need for the Proposed Action:* The applicant will receive control of SNM-2512 from FWENC, as described in its application and SAR, subject to approval of the pending license transfer application. The applicant is implementing programs and procedures necessary to operate the as-yet-to-be-constructed ISFSI and seeks to have those programs make efficient use of resources. One of the programs developed by DOE is the capability to monitor personnel occupational radioactive dose for routine and non-routine activities at the ISF facility. Personnel dosimetry requires processing by a qualified processing facility. DOE's preferred processing organization, which is accredited by DOELAP, currently processes dosimetry for the Fort St. Vrain ISFSI (docket no. 72-9) and the Three Mile Island ISFSI (docket no. 72-20), also under license to DOE. According to DOE's exemption request, DOELAP is deemed equivalent to NVLAP accreditation for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with 10 CFR 20.1501(c). Use of the NVLAP process at the ISF facility would place a burden upon DOE without any attendant health or safety benefit.

*Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:* The staff has examined both the NVLAP and DOELAP processing and standards. Both the NVLAP and DOELAP have similar requirements in that they incorporate similar test categories (type of radiation and energy levels), tolerance levels, bias, and performance criteria. The NRC staff concludes that the DOELAP process is an acceptable alternative to the NVLAP process required by 10 CFR 20.1501(c) for the ISF facility.